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John Burke, General Manager Aqua Water Supply Corporation P.O. Drawer P Bastrop, TX 78602

RE: Regional Water Plan - Group K recommendations on radionuclides

Dear Mr. Grant:

I wanted to share with you the recommendation of the Texas Radiation Advisory Board that addresses the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) revision to the Safe Drinking Water Act regarding radon. I noticed that the report of Planning Group K included comments on this issue.

As I wrote to Governor Bush (letter enclosed), the TRAB's concerns are that the burdens placed on Texans by the changes in the EPA rules are unwarranted and unsupported by public health information. The public health hazard this rule presumes to address has never been scientifically demonstrated. I am sending you the appendix explaining the technical factors the board considered.

The TRAB is a governor appointed board of 18 members whose duties include evaluating radiation rules and providing technical advice to the state. Therefore, we make recommendations on issues such as the radon rule.

Please contact me if I may be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

original signed by

Dale E. Klein, Ph.D., P.E. Chair

Enclosure

cc: Governor Bush Representative Chisum

Senator Brown